

Colorado State University

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

Policy on Holding Protocol

Purpose

This policy establishes requirements for Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) review and approval prior to the acquisition and use of live vertebrate animals and outlines procedures for managing animals acquired without appropriate approval or documentation.

Policy

IACUC review and/or approval is required prior to acquisition of animals, as outlined in CSU IACUC Policy on the Use of Live Vertebrate Animals. If animals are acquired without the appropriate documentation, a protocol expires or there are insufficient animal numbers remaining on a protocol, the animals will be placed on the CSU Holding Protocol.

Research/teaching activities may not occur until the associated protocol has been approved.

Colony dogs are held on the University Holding Protocol. A transfer request is required to use the dogs on other approved IACUC protocols.

Animals on the holding protocol are assigned a temporary holding 'H' protocol number, to indicate they are being held under the CSU Holding Protocol. It allows the investigators to view their census, invoices and perform allocations.

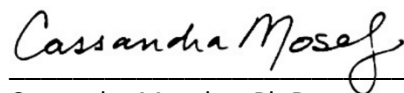
Once the IACUC has approved the protocol, the animals held on the 'H' protocol number are transferred to the approved protocol number.

Animals should not remain on the holding protocol for more than 60 days.

The administrative fees associated with this process are billed to the PI by LAR.

Institutional Endorsement

As the Institutional Official for Colorado State University, I recognize and endorse the authority and enforcement of the "Policy on Holding Protocol" by the IACUC.



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